



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held February 19, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“The Los Angeles County Flood Control District (District) entered into a Cooperative and Use Agreement (Agreement) on September 20, 2007, with the City of Montebello (City). The purpose of the Agreement was to establish a collaborative relationship between the City and the District for the City’s riverbed restoration project (Project) within Whittier Narrows Dam Basin, along the Rio Hondo Channel. The Agreement defined the respective roles and responsibilities of the District and the City with respect to the Project and these restoration efforts.”

“The general scope of the Project entails improving a portion of the Rio Hondo Channel within the City of Montebello as a recreational area, which would include, but may not be limited to, improving access points to the Rio Hondo Channel, providing additional landscaping and irrigation, installation of shade structures, picnic tables and benches, enhancing existing equestrian and bike trails and providing related public amenities.”

“The City subsequently requested an agreement with a 20-year term. An agreement term of this length is not within the authority delegated to the Director of Public Works.”

“The City, as lead agency, prepared an Initial Study for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Initial Study showed that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment. Based on the initial study, a Negative Declaration was prepared by the City and adopted by the City on November 10, 2004.”

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“The project is not exempt from payment of a fee to the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code to defray the costs of fish and wildlife protection and management incurred by the California Department of Fish and Game. The City has paid the fee. Upon approval of the Negative Declaration, a Notice of Determination is to be filed in accordance with Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code and a filing fee of \$50 is to be paid to the County Clerk.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Considered the Negative Declaration (ND) for the City of Montebello's (City) riverbed restoration project within the Whittier Narrows Dam Basin, along the Rio Hondo Channel (Project), prepared and adopted by the City, as lead agency, together with any comments received during the public review period;
2. Certified that the Board has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effect of the Project as shown in the ND;
3. Made a finding on the basis of the whole record before the Board that there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment, and adopted the ND;
4. Directed the Director of Public Works to file the Notice of Determination and pay the required filing fee of \$50 with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk; and
5. Authorized the Director of Public Works, on behalf of the County Flood Control District (District), to execute an agreement between the District and the City to define the respective roles and responsibilities of the District and the City with respect to the Project and the restoration efforts, effective upon execution by both parties for a period of 20 years.

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